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August 18, 2017

ATTN: Honorable Judge of the United States District Court

RE: Patrick Dane Falte

To Whom It May Concern,

I care for Mr. Falte for his severe Crohn's disease. He has already required abdominal surgery for this and needs methotrexate (a pill) and infliximab (an IV infusion that has to be given at an infusion center every 6-8 weeks) to maintain remission. Without these, he will become extremely sick with abdominal pain, diarrhea, fevers, may have bowel obstruction, need to be hospitalized. He also needs frequent lab monitoring (every 3 months) and doctor's visits (at least every 3 months) to me for me to continue to write these medications as they are immunosuppressant's and can have side effects I must monitor closely. Please allow his care to continue uninterrupted and contact me with any questions at 615-343-4758.

Sincerely.

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